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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU, US

SUBJ: AGENTS FEES

REF: A. STATE 226763; B. KUWAIT 4026; C. KUWAIT 3976

1. MINDEF SHAIKH SA'AD CALLED ME IN TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT ARTICLE IN LOCAL PRESS REPORTING SENATOR ASPIN'S REVELATIONS ABOUT AGENT'S FEES (REF C). HE WONDERED WHETHER THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY GOK HAD ALREADY UNWITTINGLY PAID FEES UNDER HAWK CONTRACT NEGOTIATED WITH USG. I REVIEWED LETTER OF OFFER PROCEDURES UNDER FMS AND STATED CATEGORICALLY THERE WAS "NO WAY" GOK COULD HAVE PAID THESE AGENTS FEES--NOR COULD IT PAY THEM NOW OR LATER UNLESS MINDEF STATED IN WRITING GOK'S WILLINGNESS TO DO SO. MINDEF SEEMED RELIEVED AND REITERATED GOK POSITION THAT NO AGENTS FEES WOULD BE ALLOWED (REF B).

2. MINDEF ALSO SAID HE HAD DECIDED HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT HIMSELF CONTACT FIAFI REP. HE SAID AS FAR AS HE CONCERNED DISSUADING FIAFI FROM INSISTING ON COLLECTING FEE WAS RAYTHEON'S PROBLEM.

3. I SAW RAYTHEON REP MASARA OCTOBER 8 AND ADVISED HIM MINDEF'S POSITION PER PARA TWO ABOVE. MASARA SAID FIAFI STILL REFUSING TO WITHDRAW AND HE WOULD NEED INSTRUCTIONS FROM COMPANY HEADQUARTERS BEFORE TELLING FIAFI ANYTHING FURTHER. MASARA ADDED HE ASSUMED RAYTHEON WOULD CHECK AGAIN WITH WASHINGTON
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BEFORE DECIDING WHAT FIAFI SHOULD FINALLY BE TOLD.

4. ACTION RECOMMENDED: SINCE OTHER OPTIONS NOW APPEAR RULED
OUT, I RECOMMEND DEPT. CONTACT RAYTHEON ASAP IN ACCORDANCE
PARA FIVE REF A.
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